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SUBJ: HUNGARIAN PERSONNEL CHANGES

1. THAT PERSONNEL CHANGES NOW GOING ON AT SECONDARY LEVELS
IN NUMBER OF MINISTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS IS CAUSING CONCERN
AMONG PUBLIC IN HUNGARY IS REVEALED IN RECENT ARTICLE IN
MAGYAR HIRLAP ENTITLED "STABILITY."

2. ARTICLE MAKES FOLLOWING KEY POINTS:

- A. QUOTE IN MANY FIELDS OF LIFE MOVEMENT AND MOVING OF
CADRES INEVITABLY (IS) BECOMING MORE LIVELY. UNQUOTE
- B. QUOTE AT TIMES GREATER IMPORTANCE IS ATTACHED TO CERTAIN
REPLACEMENT OF STAFF THAN NECESSARY BECAUSE IT IS FEARED
THAT THIS IS ONLY PART OR PERHAPS A PRELUDE TO SOME
FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN THE POLITICAL LINE. UNQUOTE
- C. QUOTE UNREST IS NOT CAUSED IN SOCIETY IF THE MOVEMENT
OF CADRES BECOMES FASTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH RATIONAL
EFFORTS. UNQUOTE
- D. QUOTE THE POLITICAL LINE THAT HAS PROVED CORRECT AND
THAT HAS ALSO BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE MASSES CANNOT CHANGE
FUNDAMENTALLY BECAUSE CERTAIN PEOPLE REMAIN AT THEIR
POSTS OR BECAUSE THEY DO NOT. UNQUOTE
- E. QUOTE IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE PEOPLE TO SEE A CERTAIN
METHODICALNESS AND CONSISTENCY IN CADRE MATTERS. UNQUOTE
THIS CAN BE DISTURBED BY QUOTE HAPHAZARD METHODS

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UNQUOTE AND CONSISTENCY CAN BE PROVED QUOTE ONLY IF

IT IS COMBINED WITH THE FURTHER EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY. UNQUOTE THE QUOTE OPENNESS OF CADRE PROBLEMS DOES NOT ONLY FIT INTO SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY BUT FOR THE SAKE OF THIS GREATER OPENNESS SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY MUST BE DEVELOPED. UNQUOTE

3. INTERESTING THAT ARTICLE CONFIRMS THAT PERSONNEL CHANGES WILL CONTINUE, WHILE PROVIDING ASSURANCE THAT QUOTE FUNDAMENTAL UNQUOTE POLICY LINES WILL NOT CHANGE BUT CONCLUDES WITH STRONG PITCH FOR GREATER INVOLVEMENT OF THE QUOTE WORKING PEOPLE UNQUOTE IN THE PROCESS OF SUCH CHANGE AS A PART OF SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY. IN MAKING LATTER POINT ARTICLE DIRECTLY QUOTED KADAR FROM HIS SPEECH AT NYIREGYHAZA RIGHT AFTER SPRING CENTRAL COMMITTEE SESSION.

4. WE WILL BE SEEKING TO DEVELOP MORE INFO ON NATURE AND EXTENT OF CHANGES WHICH ARE TAKING PLACE.
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